



NOTES FROM THE:

Chief for Enlisted Matters

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I want to start my first article by telling you I'm very excited to be serving the financial management community in my new capacity. In my short time at the Pentagon, I've gained a deeper appreciation of how integral our function is to the mission of the Air Force—it seems all roads go through FM. I promise to do my best to help you so that together we fulfill our vital role within the Air Force.

We have a new look to the Enlisted Matters page on the SAF/FM web site and I would like to point out one very important addition—the Aces High page. We have recognized many of our outstanding enlisted personnel under the Aces High page in this magazine over the years. Unfortunately, we cannot always include an Aces High page because there are so many other important items and issues to cover in this publication. So we have decided to create the Aces High web page to give these outstanding enlisted personnel their due recognition. Each month or so, we will recognize a new enlisted financial manager. From time to time click on the SAF/FM web site (www.saffm.hq.af.mil/) to see what's going on in Enlisted Matters and check out our Aces High.

The Enlisted Individual Development Plan (EIDP) continues to be improved. We have hired a contractor to take the PC-based version of the program and make it into a web-based application. We will also be making several enhancements to the program. The web-based program will provide more flexibility and portability to the folks who use this excellent career development tool. You will now be able to use the program from any PC with access to the internet and you will no longer have to worry about moving your data file around with you as you rotate to new jobs within the unit or PCS to other bases. Your file will always be maintained on the central server. I highly encourage all of you to give this program a try; I am sure you will find it very useful in managing your financial management career. As you use it, let me know your suggestions to make it better. One of the goals of the SAF/FM Strategic Plan is for 50 percent of the enlisted force to be using the

program by the end of FY02; let's meet that goal!

Another valuable tool for enlisted development is the OJT Training Guide. Admittedly, we haven't done a good job of keeping these documents current, but we are going to fix that this fiscal year. We will get these guides up-to-date so you can continue to use them to certify core tasks and make them a foundation of your unit training programs. One of the reasons we created these guides was to save supervisors time by giving them ready-made training material. We will be migrating these training guides from the MS Word format to a more flexible format after we get them updated.

We are also redesigning the FM Contingency Training Course. The Sheppard Schoolhouse is designing a web-based version of this program. Hopefully, this will be available in Spring 2001. As a reminder, all FM personnel tasked under an air expeditionary force (AEF) must complete this course as part of their preparation to deploy.

We were not able to include the MAJCOM/FOA/DRU enlisted POCs in the October 2000 edition so I'll include them here. This is the team of professionals I work most closely with to help manage the enlisted career-field. If you have ideas, complaints, comments, etc., please let them know.

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